GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department – Allegations levelled against Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, the then Municipal Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality for violation of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rues, 1964 - Departmental proceedings initiated - Enquiry conducted - Charges proved – Punishment imposed - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 437 **Dated: 10-08-2021**

Read the following:-

1) From the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad, Letter, Rc.No.184/RCT-REG/2006, Dated.18.04.2007.
2) G.O.Rt.No.1319, MA&UD (Vig.IV.1) Department, Dated.07.11.2007.
3) Written Statement of Defence of Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, former Municipal Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, dated. Nil.
4) G.O.Rt.No.768, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.06.08.2018.
5) G.O.Rt.No.889, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.18.09.2018.
6) From Sri G.Naga Raju, RDMA & Enquiry Officer, Rajamahendravaram, RoC.No.567/2018/A3, Enquiry Report, dated.30.12.2019.
7) Govt.Memo.No.19011/Vig.I/2006, dated.07.06.2021.
8) Written Representation of Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, Assistant Commissioner, Bhimavaram Municipality, dated. Nil.

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Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad that, Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, the then Municipal Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District has committed misconduct by violating 9 (2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964, as she acquired house building property at Vanastalpuram, Hyderabad in her name without taking prior permission or giving any intimation to the competent authorities, not submitted Annual Property Returns to the competent authority and also took a loan from Vijaya Bank, Ramachandrapuram without prior permission from the competent authority for purchasing wooden furniture. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad submitted a final report and among others, recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, the then Municipal Commissioner of Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District for violation of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing the following articles of charges against Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, the then Municipal Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District and directed to submit her written statement of defence thereon:

Article of charge: Smt. Bathula Jyothi Lakshmi has joined in Government Service as Junior Assistant on 22.02.1991 and while working as Municipal

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Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality from 22.07.2005 to 04.10.2006, she committed misconduct by violating 9(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, as she acquired house building property at Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad in her name without taking prior permission or giving any intimation to the competent authorities. Further, she also not submitted Annual Property Returns to the competent authorities. She took a loan of Rs.1,00,000/- from Vijaya Bank, Ramachandrapram without prior permission from the competent authority for purchasing wooden furniture.

Thus, Smt. Bathula Jyothi Lakshmi, MC by above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, former Municipal Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality submitted her written statement of defence. Among others, she denied the charges framed against her and requested to exonerate her from the charge.

4. Whereas, Government after following due procedure, issued orders, vide G.O. 4th read above, appointing Sri G.Naga Raju, Regional Director-cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Rajamahendravaram as an Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against the charged officer Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, former Municipal Commissioner and two (2) other officials of Ramachandrapuram Municipality. In the reference 5th read above, Sri P.V.Surya Mohan Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB., Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram was appointed as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiry Officer on behalf of Disciplinary Authority.

5. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, Sri G.Naga Raju, Regional Director-cum Appellate Commissioner of Municipal Administration & Inquiry Officer, Rajamahendravaram has submitted his enquiry report and while stating among other things, the Enquiry Officer has reported that, based on written explanation submitted by the charged officer, written brief of the Presenting Officer and material evidence, the charge against the C.O.1 i.e., Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, former Municipal Commissioner is partly held proved.

6. Government, after examining the Enquiry Report, decided to agree with the findings of Inquiry Authority. Accordingly, in the reference 7th read above, while communicating a copy of enquiry report under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, among others, the charged officer Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi was directed to submit her written representation on the findings of the E.O.

7. In the references 8th read above, Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, former Municipal Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality has submitted her written explanation. Among others, she has requested to consider her explanation and exonerate from the charges, as she has not committed any mistake or being things wrongly.

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8. Government examined the matter and taking into consideration of the findings of Inquiry Officer and written explanation submitted by the delinquent officer Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, it has been decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, former Municipal Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, and present Assistant Commissioner, Bhimavaram Municipality, since she has not produced evidence that she filed APRs and her explanation is also not convincing.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, former Municipal Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, and present Assistant Commissioner, Bhimavaram Municipality, as the charge partly held proved.

10. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRI LAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Smt. B.Jyothi Lakshmi, the then Municipal Commissioner,
Ramachandrapuram Municipality and present Assistant Commissioner,
Bhimavaram Municipality- **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.

The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Commissioner, Ramachandrapuram Municipality, East Godavari District.
The Commissioner, Bhimavaram Municipality, West Godavari District.
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SECTION OFFICER.